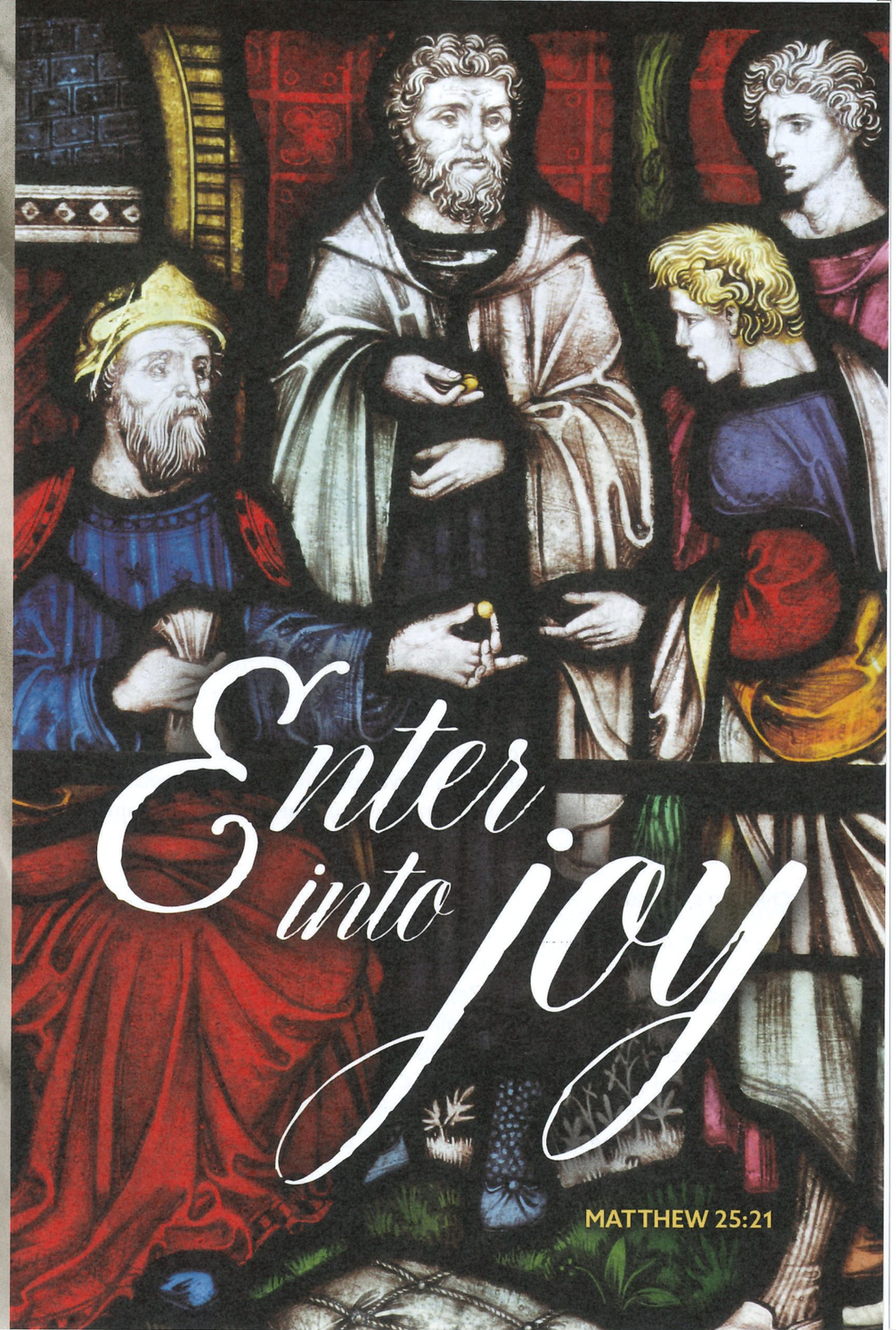


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Radio ministry is given in loving memory of Normal Hegal by Dick Hegal and family.

Sunday 11/15	**8:30-11am**	**Roofda Committee's Comfort Soup Sunday Silent Auction**
	9:00am	**Worship w/Holy Communion & on Radio & Video**
	10:00am	**Sunday School**
Monday 11/16	**1:30pm**	**Brayside Bible Study**
	5:30pm	**Stewardship Meeting**
Tuesday 11/17	**4:00pm**	**AA Meeting (Fireside Rm)**
	5:00pm	**Nominating Committee Meeting**
	6:00pm	**Trustee & Deacon Meetings**
	7:00pm	**Council Meeting**
Wednesday 11/18	**8:00am**	**Bible Study**
	9:30am	**Women's Bible Circle**
	6:30pm	**7, 8 & 9 Gr Confirmation**
	7:00pm	**Senior Choir Practice**
Thursday 11/19		**Quarterly Ministry@first/Newsletter Deadline**
Sunday 11/22	**9:00am**	**Worship & on Radio & Video**
Gratitude Sunday	**10:00am**	**Advent Festival**
	12:30-3pm	**4-H Meeting**

Acolytes: Raelynn Holdgrafer, Cora Stoen **Lector:** Terri Zwiener

Ushers: Jeff Kramer, Kurt Blome, Dean Naatz, Harvey Farr

Children's Offering for November is a noisy offering for local Wish Tree presents.



FLCW Coat Drive Mon. Nov 2 – Mon. Nov 23 -- Coats, hats, mittens, boots, gently used -adult or child sizes. Dropbox in north entry.

FLC's Quarterly Meeting will be Dec 6 @ 10am to vote on the 2027 budget.

Brightening BP – Want help decorating your house for Xmas, check out the bulletin boards for the flyer (or call the church office for more info) with **all proceeds donated to the BP Wish Tree**!



Sunday, November 8 -- Offering $7,175.05
Attendance – 239
Roof Fund: $33,029.00 Goal: $97,950.00

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Time after Pentecost **November 15, 2026** **9:00am**

Mission Statement - As God's people gathering for worship, study and service, we seek to be a "Welcome Place" for all people. This we do out of love for and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude / Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritized our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* **#123 WT**

***Apostolic Greeting** **page 138**

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. **Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music *Make a Noise*

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm: Psalm 90:1- 12

***Gospel Acclamation** *Calypso Doxology* **see insert**

P. The Gospel according to Matthew. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Our God* **see insert**

RESPONDING

***Apostles' Creed** **page 127**

***Prayers of Intercession** (Lord, in your mercy/**Hear our prayer**)

***Sharing of the Peace**

***Offering**

***Offertory** *Humble Thyself* **see insert**

***Offertory Prayer**

MEAL

***Words of Institution** **page 144**

***Lord's Prayer** **page 145**

Communion Distribution

All baptized believers, including visitors and friends, are welcome to come forward down the center aisle, at the ushers' direction, and depart by the side aisles. Children who do not yet commune will be blessed at the rail. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; indicate this preference to your server. For mobility challenges or personal preference, please notify an usher; communion will be served to you in your pew.

Communion Hymns **see insert**

***Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

***Blessing**

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Song** *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* **#106 WT**

***Dismissal** Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Today's Readings

Sunday, November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading — Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem
with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is
bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the
Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of
the earth.

Psalm — Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; tone 9



Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains**
were brought forth,
or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight**
are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly
| like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green**
and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up
and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

continued

8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light
| of your countenance.
[9 When you are angry,
all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end
| like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years,**
perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor
and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly
and | we are gone.
11 Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?]
12 **So teach us to num- | ber our days**
that we may apply our | hearts
to wisdom.

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 [not printed]

Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

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Gathering Hymn — **Come, Now is the Time to Worship** — **#123 WT**

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are, to worship. Come, just as you are, before your God. Come

1 One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those. Who gladly choose you now. ***(Chorus)***

Gospel Acclamation — **Calypso Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all people, let it show. Praise God above, let all heaven sing it, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Well, Amen, Amen, Amen, Oh Amen. Yes, Amen, Amen, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. ***(Repeat)***

Hymn of the Day — **Our God**

1 Water that turned into wine; opened the eyes of the blind;
there's no one like you, none like you. Into the darkness you shine,
out of the ashes, we rise; there's no one like you, none like you.

Chorus: Our God is greater. Our God is stronger. God, you are higher than any other. Our God healer, awesome in power. Our God. Our God. ***(Repeat all)***

Offertory Music — **Humble Thyself**

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
And he will lift you up, higher and higher, and he will lift you up.

Our God in an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love.
Our God is an awesome God.

Communion Song — **Holy Spirit**

1 There is nothing worth more, that will ever come close. No thing can compare, you're our living hope. Your presence, Lord. I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone in your presence, Lord.

Chorus: Holy Spirit you are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your Glory God is what our hearts long for to be overcome by your presence Lord. ***(Repeat)***

Communion Song — **Sanctuary** — **#142 WT**

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.

Communion Song — **Step By Step** — **#137 WT**

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;
and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. **(2X)**

Communion Song — **Mighty to Save**

V1: Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savoir, the hope of nations.

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

V2: So, take me as you find me, all my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in
Now I surrender
(Chorus)

Sending Song — **I Could Sing of Your Love Forever** — **#106WT**

1 Over the mountains and the sea your river runs with love for me, and I will open up my heart, and let the Healer set me free. I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands for I will always sing of when your love came down, yeah.

Chorus: I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever,
I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever. ***(Repeat all)***

Christmas Poinsettias and Memorials

First Lutheran will create a Christmas Eve atmosphere with beautiful poinsettias. If you wish to give a flower, sponsor a wreath or make a memorial donation please fill out the below form and return to the church office by ***Monday, December 14th. Thank you for your gift!***

Donation given by:_____

In Memory Of _____
(Name)

Or

In Honor Of_____
(Name)

1. Poinsettias – $16.00

2. Wreaths (we order 4 small wreaths $36/each and 3 large wreaths $66/each) may sponsor all or partial

3. Christmas Tree ($170) may sponsor all or partial

Or

4. Memorial fund amount $_____

***For Memorials please designate fund below*:**

_____
(Name of fund)

Fund examples: General, Radio, Bible or Roof.
(More funds available, please ask office)

Transition Team Nominations

Please nominate one person on each line:

55+

Male _____

Female _____

40-55

Male _____

Female_____

25-40

Male _____

Female_____

Youth _____

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Please put in offering plate or turn into the church office by Nov. 22.